

**Automatic Distribution List Management****ABSTRACT**

Automatic distribution list management to reduce network bandwidth wastage incident to sending an electronic document to a nonexistent member of a distribution list. For a document by a document distribution server, an identifier of the document and distribution list is recorded in a database. The document is distributed to members of the distribution list. If an error including the identifier is received in response to distributing to a member of the distribution list, the identifier is looked up in the database so as to identify the distribution list. The member is deleted from the distribution list so that subsequent sending to the distribution list avoids subsequent error messages and network bandwidth wastage incident thereto.